



POLICY BOARD
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 Modesto, CA
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AGENDA

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

These matters may be presented only by interested persons in the audience. Discussion is limited to the discretion of the Chair.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Adopt Minutes of Policy Board (03.25.08 and 04.09.08) MOTION
- B. FY 2007/07 Transportation Development Act Amended Transit Claim:
County of Stanislaus RESOLUTION
- C. FY 2007/08 Local Transportation Fund Non-Transit Claim:
City of Patterson RESOLUTION
- D. FY 2007/08 Local Transportation Fund Non-Transit Claim:
City of Turlock RESOLUTION
- E. FY 2007/08 Local Transportation Fund Non-Transit Claim:
County of Stanislaus RESOLUTION
- F. Request from the Riverbank Oakdale Transit Authority (ROTA)
for Exemption to the Transportation Development Act Farebox
Ratio Requirement MOTION
- G. Approval of Amendment #1 to the Caltrans/StanCOG Cooperative
Agreement No. 10-203A-1 for Removal of Independent Quality Assurance
Costs from the SR 132 East Infill Project Construction Phase RESOLUTION

3. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Update – Stanislaus County Blueprint Planning Activities

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS
(NONE)

5. ORAL REPORT ITEMS

- A. 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment #11:
(Type 3, Formal Amendment)
- B. StanCOG as Sponsor and Implementing Agency for State Route 132
Expressway Project Study Report (PSR) and Project Approval and
Environmental (PA & ED) Phase

RESOLUTION

MOTION

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items are for information only.

- A. StanCOG Website

7. STANISLAUS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEES

- A. Citizens Advisory Committee Minutes: (04.30.08)
- B. Social Services Transportation Advisory Council: (03.12.08 & 04.09.08)
- C. Technical Advisory Committee Minutes: (05.01.08)

8. CALTRANS REPORT

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

10. CLOSED SESSION

PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE Section 54956.8

Conference with Real Property Negotiators

(a) Property: (APN 03-078-002;-04;-05)

Agency Negotiator: Vince Harris (DeeAnne Gillick and Jennifer Alves)

Negotiating Parties: Stanislaus Council of Governments and
Bright Development (Carol Bright and John Dunn)

Under Negotiation: Both price and terms of payment.

11. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

12. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Topics may be presented, but no action may be taken except to place an item on a future agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Next regular meeting scheduled for

June 11, 2008, 6:00 P.M.

1010 Tenth St.

City County Chambers

Modesto, CA

Consent Items

StanCOG Policy Board Minutes of March 25, 2008

Present: Farrel Jackson, City of Oakdale; Jim DeMartini, County of Stanislaus; Jeff Grover, County of Stanislaus; Dick Monteith, County of Stanislaus; Bill O'Brien, County of Stanislaus; Anthony Cannella, City of Ceres; Jim Ridenour, City of Modesto; Janice Keating, City of Modesto; Brad Hawn, City of Modesto; Becky Campo, City of Patterson; Chris Crifasi, City of Riverbank; Charles Goeken, City of Waterford

Also Present: Tom Dumas, Caltrans, District 10; Brad Christian, Stanislaus County, Jennifer Alves, Neumiller & Beardslee; Vince Harris, Carlos Yamzon, Charles Turner, Vince Canales, Lark Downs, Terri Estes, StanCOG

Vice Chair Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Billie Taylor reported statistics on seniors:

- 20% of population is over 65 years old.
- 54 % stay at home all day; result is 15% fewer medical appointments.
- 65% are involved in fewer social activities.
- Medi-cal just announced they will not pay for non-emergency medical care transportation, (ambulance transfers, etc.)
- Reliance on family and friends has lowered dramatically since most family members do not have time. More than half of informal senior care family members have full-time jobs.
- The of population of those will be 65 and older will increase 112% in by the year 2030.
- Time to act is now.

Jenny Kenoya, GAP program:

- Explained the GAP program.
- The increased needs of seniors.
- Very disappointed that no money will be available for senior transportation needs from this Measure K.
- Would like to see more seniors speaking up.
- We need to listen and think of the needs of senior transportation. Transportation is needed door to door, not curb to curb.

Mickey Peabody:

- Disappointed that senior transit language had been removed from this Measure K.
- Is aware of another source of funding available.
- Need representation for seniors at the Ad Hoc committee that is to be held by Stanislaus County.
- Would like to find out about possible alternate funding and the duration of that funding.
- Would like to have a seat on a committee whether handled through Area of Aging, or stanCOG, as representatives from the senior and the disabled sector, in order to share their life experiences
- Fully support this Measure K; need this money in this county and beneficial to the entire community.

Mayor Jackson stated that everything discussed is do-able. He stated that no action can be taken tonight, but will certainly be considered.

Council Member Keating asked why Ms. Peabody is under the impression that the language, in the tax measure, cannot be put back in. She also asked what funding may become available?

Ms. Peabody responded that she is aware of LTF funding that assists the senior and disabled transit needs.

Brad Christian, Stanislaus County Transit Manager, explained LTF funding. He stated that using this years figures, 3 million dollars were left for streets and roads. \$400,000 was allocated for funding Measure K Public Education and Outreach, and \$2.6 million remained up for streets and roads. Mr. Christian said that the \$2.6 million could be used for transit. He added that there are two sources of Federal funding; the New Freedom Funds and FTA 5310 section funds. He explained that the Section 5310 funds can be used for funding vehicles and the New Freedom, of which \$80,000.00 is available can be used for selected services.

Supervisor Grover said that we need to prove the need based on State law, and so far we have not proven the need.

Mr. Christian explained the Unmet Transit Needs process which states that needs have to be proven and documented that there are Unmet Transit Needs that are 'reasonable' to meet.

Mr. Grover said that a lot of effort should be used in documents Unmet Transit Needs in order to access these transit dollars that we already have. He added that he and Supervisor Monteith, Mr. Christian, and constituents from the city will put all their resources in finding out. He said that they have discussed this in past meetings.

Vince Harris, StanCOG Executive Director said we have the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council which has senior representation on their membership. He stated that we have had a few needs documented over the last two years that he has been at StanCOG, but even with that, there are dollars remaining for streets and roads. He reminded the Board of Item 2B on the Consent Calendar that reports the apportionments of 2007/08 LTF funds. He stated that we do work with the various groups to identify ultimate needs. Once that is complete, we go through the process of the Transit Cost Sharing (TCS) Committee of which is comprised of the transit operators, to identify their needs to operate their systems in the coming year. Once we delineate the amount of dollars from the LTF, the balance is available for streets and roads.

Ms. Peabody addressed Supervisor Grover and said that at the last Policy Board meeting it was indicated that the senior transit language could not be put back in. She asked if this was true?

Supervisor Grover said that they agreed to a formula that did not include that. He said he has not asked the legal council if that is the case or not. He added that at this point, he thinks the point is moot, because if this measure does not go through, we have to look at other funding anyway.

Ms Peabody stated that her fear is that this is said to placate us until this measure is sealed.

Supervisor Grover said it is important to work on issues now and not wait for November.

Ms. Peabody asked if there is an urgency. Supervisor Grover responded that plans to meet April 3 have been arranged with Mr. Christian and others in an Ad Hoc Committee to find out what is needed from the senior community to start the Unmet Transit Needs process.

Council Member Keating addressed legal counsel and asked, when each city and the county voted on a formula , is it not set in stone as long as each voted on changing it?

Jennifer Alves said yes you can change the formula, but there is a time issue if you plan take it to local agencies. Ms. Alves reminded the Board of the events that need completion before the August 1st deadline in order to get on the ballot in November.

Miguel Dunoso, member hispanic task force for the county. He stated that Hispanic seniors have two disadvantages, they are a minority and 35% are low income. He asked to be a representative of the Ad Hoc Committee.

Mr Donoso then spoke spanish for the spanish speaking attendees.

Clarence Bloom stated that he believes that the majority of drivers on the roads today do not drive their own vehicle, so therefore they are not paying sales tax. He said that leaves 45,000 school children to pay a portion of the 1/2 sales tax. Not the way to pave the roads.

Kirk Lindsey from the CTC said that the State government took 2.9 Billion out of the Public Transit Account (PTA). Because the transit folks could not spend the money, the money went into the General Fund. He stated that, in theory, it comes back, but fact is the way money was generated continues to be generated in the same way. He stated that there are huge amounts of dollars available for transit systems, so if we can identify what the needs are, and meet those needs to fit the formula, we have access to tremendous amounts of money.

Supervisor Grover responded by saying that one way to find out is to come to meetings like the Policy Board.

Council Member Keating stated that money for important items is possibly being left on the table, and maybe StanCOG needs to have some way to look at what the other agencies are accessing in terms of money. She requested that an expenditure staff person be hired to examine other funding opportunities. She said she believes that there is more funds available and we should be actively seeking these funds.

Mr Harris stated that Mr. Lindsey was speaking statewide not just regarding StanCOG. Mr. Harris stated that we are working with the various agencies like CTC and others in order to ensure that we receive our fair share of funds. The LTF/TDA funding process provides for unmet transit needs notices, public hearings, etc. We do our jobs and after we go through this process, if no unmet needs are heard, we come back to the StanCOG Board and provide what we have received. He stated that the vast majorities of counties throughout California use all their TDA funds on transit, that as our community populace ages, we will see more of the funds going to transit needs. This year we have provided more LTF dollars to transit than the prior year.

Ms. Keating suggested that attendees leave their names and contact information, so that when we do go through a process like this, we can contact them. She added that we need to find out if we were not able to access and define our needs properly.

Ms. Kenoyer stated that a lot of seniors don't buy papers and most can not come out of their house to attend a meeting. She added that part of this GAP is going out to these people and getting them informed.

Mr. Harris said that we are more than willing to pro-actively distribute the information and suggestions.

Mr. Jackson said wait and see what happens at the April 3, 2008 meeting, report back at the April 9, 2008 meeting.

Mr. Grover asked Mr. Harris can add an item for on the next agenda for discussion regarding the April 3rd Ad Hoc meeting.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Adopt Minutes of Policy Board (01.09.08)

B. Revise the Local Transportation Fund (LTF) Apportionments for the Transportation Financial Expenditure Plan and Street and Roads, FY 2007/08 RESOLUTION 07-24

BY MOTION (Grover/Hawn, majority, yea, Keating, Nay), the Policy Board recommended that, by resolution,

1. Reduce the fiscal year 2007/08 LTF streets and roads apportionments by \$400,000.00 to the amounts presented in column 5 of Schedule 2.
2. Apportion \$400,000.00 of LTF for the Transportation Financial Expenditure Plan as presented in column 7 of Schedule 2.

C. 2008 Regional Housing Needs Assessment Methodology

D. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Jobs Access and Reverse Commute (JARC)/New Freedom (NF) Project Selection Process RESOLUTION 07-28

E. Proposition 1B – Public Transit Modernization, Improvement, and Service Enhancement Account Project Submissions

F. Public Transit/ Human Services Coordination Plan RESOLUTION 07 – 27

Mayor Cannella stated that he was a bit confused about the three options referred to on page 17, paragraph 2 which states that, 'StanCOG should consider use of any mobility model.' He stated he didn't see what the recommendations were. Mr. Harris responded that it is open to which model to pick, but we are before the Board tonight in order that they accept the report so that we can qualify for specific transit funds. He said that without this report we would not have any eligibility for these various dollars.

Mr. Downs introduced Jim Moore, from Moore and Associates. Mr. Moore reported that the foundation for this study is SAFETEA-LU, which is the Federal transportation funding mechanism and the coordinated plan focuses on three key populations:

1. Seniors.
2. People with disabilities.
3. Economically disadvantaged.

Mr. Moore said through the process, they sought to identify media on a temporal and spatial basis. He reported they sent out over three thousand surveys, identified 650 possible stakeholders, social service organizations, senior oriented organizations. Mr. Moore reported that they met with stakeholders holder group based on the responses of approximately 15 organizations in November 2007. They came up with a general idea of what is working, what are things that can worked on on a short-term basis, and what would could be worked on more of a long term basis. Mr. Moore stated that he believes it is imperative that the Board move on this tonite to at least accept this report, because it does then send in motion the mechanism by which funding grants under the SAFETEA-LU the most specific populations, whether it's 5310, the NF or JARC funding, then that is how you access this money. He stated that we cannot get this funding without accepting this plan. He said that he anticipates continued work with StanCOG and working on a preferred scenario, putting together specific strategies to accomplishing those short term goals; mobility training, single source

information clearinghouse for transportation, mentoring for Federal grants application, driver training or recruitment on the social service or the non-profit side, marketing specifically to the before mentioned three target populations, and possible coordinated vehicle purchases, and stated that these are all umbrella activities that could come out of this. He reiterated that the crucial first step is to adopt this plan and then discuss the one model we would like to receive. There was additional brief discussion regarding the plan coordination and process.

**G. 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #9 -
(Type 3), Formal Amendment
RESOLUTION 07 – 25**

By Motion, (Grover/Hawn, unanimous) the Policy Board approved the consent calendar.

**3. PRESENTATIONS
(NONE)**

**4. PUBLIC HEARINGS
NONE**

5. ORAL REPORTS

A. State Route 132 East/West Connectivity Study – Final Report

Mr. Harris briefly summarized the SR 132 East/West Feasibility Study, of which addresses the connectivity for the SR 132 corridor through the City of Modesto. Mr. Harris introduced Kris Balaji, of Jacobs, Carter and Burgess.

Mr. Balaji described the project and cost as reported in the Draft Final Report. He briefly reviewed the estimated costs per phase and the various steps to completion which include the Project Study Report (PSR), Project Approval and Environmental Document, and the Final Design, Right of Way Acquisition and Construction. He added that it is important to connect the East and West portions of this route in order to keep the traffic out of downtown. Mr. Balaji reported that they had extensive community involvement, the involvement of elected officials and/or their constituents, and key members from the City of Modesto, StanCOG, Caltrans, Dist. 10, and Stanislaus County. He reported that through the work of all these people, they have developed multiple alternatives that will be used as this project moves forward.

Council Member Keating asked if the corridor described in the Transportation Expenditure Plan is the entire corridor within phases? Mr. Harris explained that the project extends from western boundary of the county all the way to Waterford, and would be developed within several phases of work. He added that this is a core piece of this project. Council Member Keating asked what amount of money for the project would be generated by the proposed sales tax? Mr. Harris responded that it would be approximately \$80 million, and it would be used in the most viable phase, Phase I. Mr. Harris reminded the members that we also have \$14 million in Federal Demonstration funds available for this project.

Council Member Keating asked if this phase will take 20 years? Mr. Harris responded that the Federal Funds will be accessible earlier and will allow us to accelerate Phase I much faster. Mayor Ridenour added that we have to get this project moving by going about it in phases and he talked of the success of SR 219 and how quickly that has been moving along. Supervisor Grover commented that Mr. Balaji has approached this project efficiently and agreed with Mayor Ridenour that this is a crucial